

KING COUNTY AGRICULTURE COMMISSION

MEETING NOTICE

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2022

6:00-8:00 P.M.

ZOOM VIDEO CALL

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MEETING AGENDA

6:00	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none">For the public record, please sign in via the chat feature or announce yourself by name and whether you are a commissioner, staff or member of the publicApproval of AgendaApproval of Meeting Minutes: <i>October</i>	Kevin Scott, Chair
6:05	Public Comment related to a specific agenda item <i>3 minutes/person</i>	Kevin Scott
6:10	Old Business - Updates (approx. 3 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Commission Details, Policy, Ag Education & EventsKing County Ag ProgramKing Conservation DistrictLocal Food InitiativeWashington State University CSANRKing-Pierce Farm BureauFarm Fish Flood	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Patrice BarrentineRichard MartinMatt MegaMike LufkinJordan JobeLeann KrainickRichard Martin
6:30	New Business Noxious weeds: Bindweed Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none">BMP developmentTechnical assistanceQ&A	Steven Burke, Program Manager, KC Noxious Weed Program
6:50	Officer Elections for 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Nominations for Chair and Vice ChairMotionVote	Kevin Scott, Darron Marzolf
7:10	Old Business Farmland Preservation Concerns in Kent area <ul style="list-style-type: none">Discussion	Kevin Scott, Darron Marzolf, Commissioners
7:45	2023-2024 King County Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none">Transmitted to Council from Exec in OctoberGoing before Council in Nov, vote usually before ThanksgivingRequest: Farm Program Manager temporary to permanent position	Richard Martin, Unit Manager, KC Agriculture, Forestry and Incentives
7:50	General Public Comment <i>3 minutes/person</i>	Kevin Scott
7:55	Concerns of Commissioners	Kevin Scott
8:00	Adjourn	Kevin Scott

Next Meeting: January 12, 2022



King County

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Department of Natural Resources and Parks

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King County Agriculture Commission DRAFT Meeting Minutes Thursday, October 13, 2022 – 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm Zoom Video Conference Call

Commissioners Present (Y/N)					
Kevin Scott-Vandenberg, Chair	Y	Andrew Ely	Y	Shelley Pasco	Y
Darron Marzolf, Vice-Chair	Y	Janet Keller	Y	Henry Wong	Y
Jessi Bloom	Y	Nayab Khan	Y		
Ex Officio Members Present (Y/N)					
Jordan Jobe, WSU	Y	Carrie King, KCD	Y		
County Staff/Representatives Present					
Patrice Barrentine, DNRP		Megan Moore, DNRP			
Guests Present					
Henna Khan		Matt Mega, KCD		Chenelle Tyack	
Leann Krainick		Stacey Smith			

Meeting Summary

- **Actions: Approvals of Agenda and July 2022 Meeting Minutes; selecting new KCD Advisory Committee Representative(s)**
- **Old Business: Commission, Policy, County, & Agriculture Organization Updates**
- **Presentation: King County Meat Processing Update**

Meeting called to order by Chair Kevin Scott-Vandenberg at 6:03 pm

Roll Call/Announcement of Staff & Public (Kevin Scott-Vandenberg)

Roll call of Commissioners and announcement of staff and public guests was done via Zoom's chat function.

ACTION: Approval of Meeting Agenda (Kevin Scott-Vandenberg)

Darron Marzolf motioned to approve tonight's agenda as-is. Janet Keller seconded the motion, which carried with unanimous approval.

ACTION: Approval of July 2022 Meeting Minutes (Kevin Scott-Vandenberg)

Darron Marzolf motioned to approve the July meeting minutes as-is. Janet Keller seconded the motion, which carried with unanimous approval.

Public Comment – Specific Agenda Item (Kevin Scott-Vandenberg)

- **Chenelle Tyack**, Kent valley citizen, read aloud a letter to the Commission and other Kent valley jurisdictions regarding farmland decline in the valley. The letter and supporting documentation are included in today's [meeting packet](#). Chair Scott-Vandenberg thanked Tyack for the letter and attending today's meeting.
- **Leann Krainick** reported WSDOT has announced the Enumclaw plateau has been removed from a list of potential sites for a new international airport, but four sites remain. Krainick noted this process, learning how eminent domain can work, would be good for King County to keep an eye on and find ways to value farmland adequately.

Old Business – Updates

- **Commission Details/Agriculture Policy & Events (Patrice Barrentine):** Full presentation is viewable [here](#).
 - King County Council's (KCC) Committee of the Whole (COW) meets October 17. The ordinance addressing wineries, breweries, and distilleries (WBD) is moving forward, and would declare a new one-year moratorium

on new WBD establishments. Things are in a holding pattern until new legislation comes forward. Legal resolution from the courts is also awaited.

- Patrice Barrentine called attention to Chenelle Tyack’s letter and encouraged all Commissioners to review it and the importance of preserving the Green River APD. It was asked if this letter will be discussed further or if a motion is needed to do so; Chair Kevin Scott-Vandenberg advised addressing this in tonight’s “Concerns of Commissioners” agenda item.
- The Commission held a field trip in place of its regular September meeting. The field trip was to Snoqualmie River Farm in the Snoqualmie APD and hosted several stations for attendees to visit.
- King County Executive Dow Constantine toured the County’s Horseneck Farm at the end of August. King County Councilmember Dave Upthegrove also attended. The farm is leased mostly to immigrant farmers through five community organizations, with 13 acres farmed, 13 acres set aside for future farming, and 10 acres intended for salmon habitat.
- Fall agritourism season is in full swing.
- Several agriculture-related conferences and workshops are soon. The state [Tilth conference](#) will be held November 10-12 in Kennewick and online, with King County sponsoring five virtual attendees. Washington Farm Bureau is hosting its [annual meeting](#), titled “Cultivating our Future,” November 15-17 in Wenatchee. [Northwest Agriculture Business Center](#) is hosting a course called “Business Skills Intensive for Mid-Scale Farms.” The USDA is hosting a series of [virtual workshops](#) highlighting updates to their Whole-Farm Revenue Protection and Micro Farm insurance options, rates to which are prorated and covered by your tax dollars.
- The newest Local Food Initiative (LFI) newsletter, out this week, highlights fall foods and crops.
- **King County Agriculture Program (Richard Martin):** There was no update on this item.
- **King Conservation District (Carrie King):**
 - [Matt Mega](#), KCD’s new deputy director of stewardship, will be replacing Carrie King at Commission meetings, though King will still occasionally sit in. Mega provided a brief introduction about himself.
 - Orca recovery day is October 15. 40 events are planned surrounding this, including riparian planting, garbage clean up, and other salmon/orca health items.
 - KCD’s native plant sale opens on November 15, with a native plant talk scheduled for November 3. Information is available on [KCD’s website](#).
 - KCD is working on its strategic plan and its Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DE&I) focus process, and is reaching out to stakeholders soon.
 - 27 grants have been recommended to move forward in KCD’s food grant program.
 - The Griffin Creek FFF pilot project is near completion, possibly even done today. A co-sponsor field trip with the County and hopefully Councilmembers will be scheduled soon.
 - KCD just received a Flood Control District grant for \$400K, which will go towards helping King County farmers with drainage issues. KCD’s dairy planner Megan Weldon has also applied for \$500K towards a 100-foot buffer on Newaukum Creek with King County basin steward Josh Kahan.
- **Local Food Initiative (Mike Lufkin):** There was no update on this item.
- **WSU CSANR (Jordan Jobe):**
 - The WSU Puyallup campus is hosting a tailgate event this weekend with free ice cream sandwiches and Cougar Gold cheese.
 - CSANR has a new Dean from California, with new energy and ideas.
 - CSANR is collaborating with Pierce Conservation District on an incubator project at Goss Farm. The project is 150 acres in the Puyallup valley and will investigate if stormwater runoff impacts soil health. There is also seed funding to look into soil and water health on select agricultural lands including Horseneck Farm. The plan is to return to the Commission in the next couple of years with findings; there is little research on this topic.
- **King-Pierce Farm Bureau (Leann Krainick):**
 - The annual state Farm Bureau meeting in Wenatchee is coming up; it is advised that voting members attend to vote on policy issues for FB lobbyists to focus on. Rosella Mosby is again running for FB president.
 - The King-Pierce County FB meeting is this coming Monday from 5 – 9 pm at the Museum of Flight, with dinner followed by a business meeting.
 - The state FB office has hired Ron Sackey to back up Rosella Mosby; Sackey is making a goal to attend every county Farm Bureau meeting across the state.
 - Ballots for the upcoming election will be sent out on October 21. The legislative session will start after the November 8 election. A bill addressing buffer mandates will likely return and should be watched.
- **Farm Fish Flood 2.0 (Richard Martin):** There was no update on this item.

New Business – Noxious Weeds Bindweed Plan (Steven Burke)

This item was skipped due to the absence of the presenter.

ACTION: KCD Advisory Committee – Selecting 2 Agriculture Commission Representatives (Kevin Scott-Vandenberg, Patrice Barrentine)

Full presentation is viewable [here](#).

Mark Dostal, KCD’s advisory committee coordinator, reached out to Patrice Barrentine regarding filling the two vacancies on this committee for Agriculture Commission representatives. The committee meets the second Tuesday of every other month from 10 am to noon. Matt Mega of KCD noted this is a dynamic and important group for KCD, which needs rural voices to mix with the urban representation already present. The Commission needs to nominate two serving Commissioners, confirm the nominees, then vote to appoint them as representatives.

Chair Scott-Vandenberg called for nominations, or anyone interested in serving. Jessi Bloom asked if it were possible to begin serving in January. Barrentine said this would only result in missing the December committee meeting. Chair Scott-Vandenberg called to nominate Bloom as a new Commission representative to the KCD Advisory Committee. Bloom accepted the nomination. No one else volunteered to serve, but Barrentine said this issue could be raised again when new Commissioners are added.

A subsequent vote of Commissioners unanimously approved the nomination of Bloom as the new Commission representative for the KCD Advisory Committee. This topic will be brought up again at next Commission meeting.

Presentation: King County Meat Processing Update (Patrice Barrentine, Darron Marzolf, Kevin Scott-Vandenberg, Nayab Khan)

A three-part presentation, viewable [here](#), was given on current meat processing infrastructure updates in King County:

- **Current State/King County Projects:** Patrice Barrentine said there is a shortage of meat processors in King County. Meat processing is perhaps the most complicated of all food/farm businesses, requiring finding the right machinery, a skilled workforce, and navigating changing local, state, and federal regulations, among other issues. However, since the pandemic, WSDA and USDA have expanded grants to support small and medium meat processors, with \$650K received to date in King County.

King County has one USDA-certified meat slaughter facility in Duvall, but it is not an outlet for local processors. Any producer wanting to sell red meat retail must meet USDA standards. The only exemption from federal law is custom processing of an animal; this requires a state license and the resulting meat cannot be resold beyond private consumption. As of July 2022, there were very few custom meat processors in the King, Pierce, and Snohomish county area. King County also lost its only poultry processing facility this fall, with no one available to take it on. Many farmers had a hard time harvesting meat to sell at retail this fall, resulting in major loss of revenue. Barrentine is part of a team trying to bring mobile USDA slaughter to King County, also helping processors prepare proposals for grant funds, and assisting with zoning and navigating regulations.

There are two major meat processing initiatives underway in King County: Beefing Up Infrastructure, and the East African Meat Supply Chain. Beefing Up Infrastructure aims to solve the issue of meat farmers needing to travel out-of-county to process their animals, and to help them get their meat into the marketplace. USDA processing is expected to be available at Marzolf Meats in the Snoqualmie Valley by 2023. The East African Meat Supply Chain addresses unsafe meat in community marketplaces serving Afro immigrants. The project is working with King County Public Health to provide a safe, fresh meat supply chain to these communities using a community-based approach, and affordable technology which should be available by December.

- **Marzolf Meats, d/b/a Falling River Meats:** Darron Marzolf reviewed the progress of his business, Marzolf Meats, towards becoming a USDA-certified slaughter facility. Marzolf narrated a slideshow of the facility’s evolution, including upgrading the facility with new improvements and equipment, and paying for fair wages and insurance for the crew. The goal is to begin processing in spring 2023 and be in full swing by fall 2023.

Discussion on this portion of the presentation centered on recruiting future generations of meat processors. Patrice Barrentine said two Washington counties have pilot programs developing butcher curriculum for high school students, which if successful should lead to more roll-outs. Marzolf wants to talk to kids in FFA groups, and eventually start a processing school. It was also suggested that students in foods, nutrition, and culinary arts fields be recruited as well as FFA. Marzolf noted an upsurge in people wanting to be butchers and wants to encourage that. Marzolf added it is important for farmers to realize their values, which often means raising their prices.

- **Halal Slaughter:** “Halal” refers to meat processed according to Muslim law. It is a great demand in King County, particularly around Muslim holidays, to be able to slaughter one’s own animal or pick out an animal to slaughter. This has major religious and cultural significance to many growing immigrant communities in the county.

Getting a custom slaughter business started in King County requires navigating state and federal laws and permits. However, no license is needed to slaughter an animal for oneself: it’s about buying the animal, slaughtering it yourself, and taking it home. Nayab Khan said if hurdles can be removed, there will likely be a more consistent demand for halal in King County throughout the year, not just holidays. Such hurdles, Khan said, include disposal of remaining offal after slaughter, and business management of some people involved. Lack of experienced people can sometimes be an issue, though often the customer takes over the bulk of processing after the slaughter itself.

Patrice Barrentine thanked Khan and Marzolf for their input. Barrentine also wishes to talk more with them about connecting to customers interested in halal slaughter.

Old Business: Officer Elections in November (Kevin Scott-Vandenberg)

Due to time constraints tonight, Chair Scott-Vandenberg said this issue would be revisited in November. Patrice Barrentine added that a new chair and vice-chair would be elected in November; anyone interested in serving should let Barrentine know.

Public Comment – General (Kevin Scott-Vandenberg)

There was no public comment during this period.

Concerns of Commissioners (Kevin Scott-Vandenberg)

Andrew Ely asked to include discussion of Chenelle Tyack’s above letter as an item on the next meeting agenda. Patrice Barrentine agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm

Next Meeting(s)

November 10, 2022, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm (Zoom Video Conference Call)

Legislation, Conferences, Events and Key Dates

REGARDING KING COUNTY
AGRICULTURE

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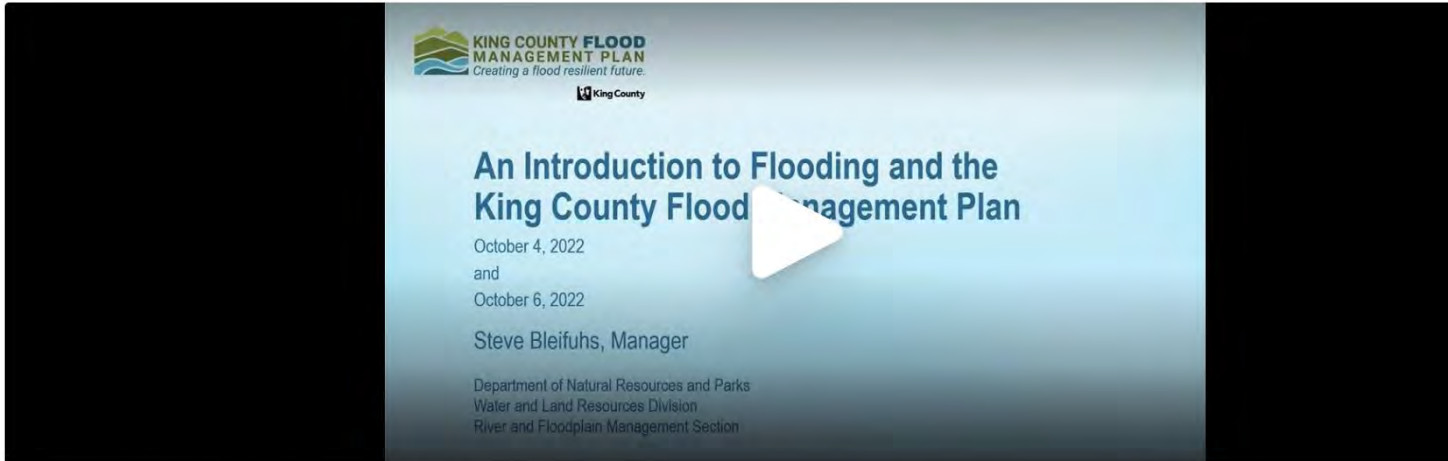


King County Events and Public Meetings

- <https://www.kingcounty.gov/about/news/events.aspx>
- Covid Vaccination Pop-Ups continue across the County
- Holidays
 - Veteran's Day – observed Nov 11
 - Thanksgiving Holiday – November 24 & 25
- Council Meetings every Tuesday, 1pm
 - This week's meeting, 11/8, was cancelled

King County Flood Management Plan

kick-off meetings
started in
October



The screenshot shows a video player interface. The video content is a presentation slide with the following text:

KING COUNTY FLOOD MANAGEMENT PLAN
Creating a flood resilient future.
King County

An Introduction to Flooding and the King County Flood Management Plan

October 4, 2022
and
October 6, 2022

Steve Bleifuhs, Manager

Department of Natural Resources and Parks
Water and Land Resources Division
River and Floodplain Management Section

Below the video player, the video title and metadata are displayed:

King County Flood Management Plan Kick-Off Meeting 10.4.22

October 5, 2022 • 24 views • Barrett, Lily • ... > water-and-land > flood-plan

King County hosted two online meetings to kick off the next Flood Management Plan. Guest speakers talked about local flood hazards and discussed how managing flooding can benefit wildlife and farming, roads, open space, and more. *This conversation was originally presented on Oct. 4, 2022.*

- [King County Flood Management Plan Update Kick-Off Meeting](#) held Tuesday, Oct. 4 from 10 a.m. to noon

King County Flood Management Plan

kick-off meetings

Opportunities to comment on the EIS

Our EIS will have two formal opportunities for public input:

- During the “scoping” period, which is when the public, tribal governments, and local, state, and federal agencies are invited to comment on the range of alternatives, areas of impact, and possible mitigation measures that should be evaluated within the EIS. **Comment period will take place Nov. 7 through Dec. 9, 2022, at 5 p.m.**
- During the draft EIS review period, which is when comments are requested on the merits of the alternatives and the adequacy of environmental analysis. ***Tentative timing is fall 2023.***

2022 Comprehensive Plan Update

On November 22, 2022, the King County Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2022 update to the King County Comprehensive Plan. This follows 8 months of Council review of the plan, which includes the Skyway-West Hill Subarea Plan and the North Highline Subarea Plan. After the public hearing, the Council will consider the testimony received, and potentially take action at the December 6, 2022 meeting. Information on how to participate in the hearing is available [here](#).

You can view the public hearing notice and current version of the 2022 update, including maps of the proposals, [here](#).

As they are available, amendments will be posted [here](#).

If you are looking for information on the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update, please go [here](#).

2022 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

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United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service

Presented by: USDA NASS

March 2, 2022

nass.usda.gov/AgCensus

Dates to Remember

November 2022: Census mails out

February 2023: Census response deadline

Spring/Summer 2024: Census data release



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service



DEVRA GARTENSTEIN King County Farm Business Support Specialist

Devra Gartenstein owned and managed small food businesses for 30 years. She founded Patty Pan Cooperative, Seattle's oldest farmers market concession, and can often be found at area markets even on her days off, shopping and schmoozing.

Devra was born and raised in Brooklyn and has lived in Seattle since 1987. She has a Masters degree in Philosophy, has published several cookbooks, and relaxes by cooking, travelling, and taking long walks.

Virtual Workshops Highlight Improvements to Whole-Farm Revenue Protection and Micro Farm

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is offering virtual workshops – on Oct. 11, Oct. 13, Nov. 15, and Dec. 13 – for agricultural producers and stakeholders to learn about the latest updates and improvements to the [Whole-Farm Revenue Protection](#) (WFRP) and the [Micro Farm](#) insurance options, two of the most comprehensive risk management options available. These insurance options are especially important to specialty crop, organic, urban, and direct market producers, and this is part of the USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) efforts to increase participation in these options and crop insurance overall.



RMA will host these workshops for agricultural producers via Microsoft Teams events:

- [Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 11 a.m. ET \(click to join\)](#)
- [Thursday, Oct. 13 at 4 p.m. ET \(click to join\)](#)
- [Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 8 p.m. PT \(click to join\)](#)
- [Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 11 a.m. ET \(click to join\)](#)

RSVP is not required. Attendees will have a chance to submit written questions during the event.

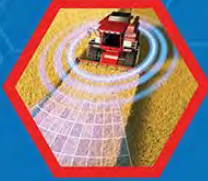


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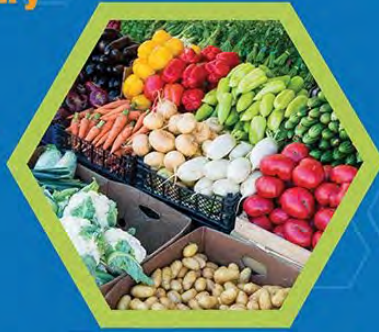
Thursday, November 10 – Saturday,
November 12
Kennewick and online

Focus on Farming and Forestry

New Challenges



Snohomish County
Executive Office



FocusOnFarming.org

November 10, 2022

New Opportunities



SNOHOMISH COUNTY
Conservation & Natural Resources



<https://tilthalliance.org/our-work/wa-farming-agriculture/tilth-conference/>



- New and Beginning Farmers
- Livestock Production
- Business of Farming
- Agritourism
- New Technology in Agriculture
- Nursery Production



**WASHINGTON STATE
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Great Wolf Lodge, Ground Mound

2022 Annual Dairy Conference
Dec. 5-7, 2022



Annual Meeting 2022

November 15 - 17, 2022

Wenatchee, Washington

WA FARM BUREAU

<https://wfbannualmeeting.com/>

An aerial photograph showing a wide, shallow river channel (Griffin Creek) flowing through a rural landscape. The river is bordered by a concrete or metal structure, likely a levee or dam. The surrounding area is a mix of green grass, brownish soil, and some trees. In the background, there are rolling hills and a larger body of water. The sun is visible in the sky, creating a bright reflection on the water.

Griffin Creek Alluvial Fan Pilot Project

- Fish, Farm, Flood asked for a King County pilot project in waterways larger than ADAP
- Peak flows winter of 2020 deposited sediments causing Griffin Creek to flood adjacent farmland
- Griffin Creek is a modified agricultural waterway but too large for ADAP
- Opportunity to conduct requested pilot project & provide farm, flood and fish benefit

Griffin Creek Alluvial Fan Pilot Project

- Completed Fall 2022
- Alleviated shoulder season flooding on Full Circle Farms; keeping 35-80 ac. in row crop production
- Brought 20 ac. of not previously farmable land into production on Infinity Ranch
- Provides fish passage at all flow conditions in an important Coho stream



**King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks
Water and Land Resources Division
Agriculture, Forestry and Incentives Unit**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Farmland lease at Horseneck Farm
Near Kent, unincorporated King County
Traditional land of the Salish People

DEADLINE: November 20th, 2022

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

King County is committed to being anti-racist and pro-equity, in every aspect of its culture and its business - including in its Farmland Leasing Program. To support the establishment and expansion of farm businesses operated by new and beginning and historically underserved farmers, the King County Farmland Leasing Program works to make farmland and infrastructure accessible to groups who face systemic barriers to accessing land.

The program aligns with the goals of King County's Equity and Social Justice Strategic Plan, Local Food Initiative, Strategic Climate Action Plan, and Clean Water Healthy Habitat Strategic Plan, and ensures that farmland owned by King County is managed for both long-term production and natural resource conservation.

By providing a pathway to farmland for beginning farmers and those that have faced barriers in accessing land, the Farmland Leasing Program yields healthy food for the community and the economic benefits of new, thriving businesses in King County's local food system.

King County manages farmland across the County, including five farms that serve as the foundation for the King County Farmland Leasing Program. All five sites are managed with the same **objectives**:

- Support new and beginning and historically underserved farmers
- Provide land and infrastructure access for the establishment and growth of local farm businesses
- Incorporate management practices that conserve water, utilize alternative energies, and steward farm soils to maximize the short- and long-term farming potential of King County owned farms

The King County Agriculture Program is transitioning Horseneck Farm (26 farmable acres near Kent) from a single leaseholder to a shared space, with a focus on communities who have historically faced barriers to land access. King County is implementing infrastructure improvements and planning future land allocations to maximize opportunities for new and beginning, and other historically underserved farmers to establish, develop, and expand their farm businesses. This process started in 2021 and was expanded in 2022. King County's Agriculture Program has partnered with multiple organizations to coordinate farmland access for over 40 farm businesses

on 13 acres of the farm. In 2023, additional acres will be available on Horseneck Farm to continue working towards the County’s farmland objectives. Additional acreage will also be available in 2024, when we plan to complete transition of the full 26 acres.

Infrastructure improvements are ongoing and KC seeks partners who are open to managing collaboratively and adaptively as we make additional improvements over the next 2-3 years with the goal of creating a farm that can equitably provide farmland access and infrastructure to historically underserved communities in south King County. Many of these planned improvements are funding dependent.

PURPOSE OF RFP

King County is seeking lessees for 2023 that align with the County’s objectives for Horseneck Farm. In 2023, we seek individual farm businesses to operate for five years on a portion of Horseneck Farm. The land available to lease is at Horseneck Farm, 26826 86th Ave S, Kent WA; parcel number: 3022059057.

The selected applicant(s) will enter into a five-year lease agreement with King County. The lease fee for the acreage is \$450/acre on an annual basis. Lease holders are required to hold a \$1,000,000 liability insurance policy that names King County as an additional insured.

King County reserves the right to reject any or all offers and discontinue this RFP process without obligation or liability. Final acceptance of any proposal will be conditional upon satisfactory negotiation and execution of the lease agreement.

ELIGIBILITY

Individual farm businesses must demonstrate at least 3 years of farming experience and provide a farm and business plan as outlined in the Proposal Contents.

TIMELINE

EVENT	DATE
1. RFP Release Date	October 26, 2022
2. Proposal Due Date	November 20, 2022
4. Notification and Award Date	November 29, 2022
5. Lease and Site Access Begin (after signing of lease by both parties)	February 1, 2023

CONTRIBUTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF KING COUNTY

To provide the land and infrastructure necessary for farm businesses, the following will be available to each of the selected applicants:

- Up to 3 acres of farmland at Horseneck Farm, 26826 86th Ave S, Kent WA; parcel number: 3022059057
- Road access and locking gate
- Non-exclusive (shared) use of a permit exempt well for potable water (produce washing)
- Non-exclusive (shared) use of an irrigation system including fuel pump, fish screen, water right, and mainline delivering water to the edge of the field (4" hose and valves)
 - a. Equipment to irrigate individual plots is provided by each farmer (see below)
- Shared sani-can (cleaned weekly April-November)
- Depending upon site conditions, King County may provide initial soil disking/tilling
- Depending upon funding availability, and in coordination with all lessees at Horseneck Farm, additional infrastructure improvements may be provided
- Coordinate an annual pre-season meeting of all lessees at Horseneck Farm
- Oversight from King County Farm Manager, who will guide high level site management issues and provide training on use of provided infrastructure
- King County can provide contacts who deliver production, business, and marketing support as desired

RESPONSIBILITIES AND QUALIFICATIONS OF SELECTED FARMER

The selected lessee will:

- Commit to a 5-year lease at a rental rate of \$450/acre per year, which includes potable and irrigation water (sample lease available upon request)
- Adhere to water use requirements, which include:
 - a. Not exceeding allocated daily and seasonal limits for irrigation water and potable water
 - b. Providing fuel for irrigation pump commensurate with use
 - c. Maintenance of provided infrastructure, if authorized by King County to do so
 - d. Participating in shared responsibility of cleaning fish screen daily (estimated 10 minute task)
 - e. Adhere to the irrigation schedule which will be negotiated at the start of each season
- Provide a point of contact for coordination with King County
- Utilize a majority of the leased plot for food production for commercial market outlets
- Be responsible for expenses associated with managing leased plot, which includes providing equipment, soil amendments, and sprinkler/drip irrigation supplies
- Be capable of meeting the requirements of the lease agreement (including but not limited to maintenance of farm grounds and shared infrastructure, annual

communication about soil amendments or other inputs used on the site, and tracking usage of water)

- Receive written approval from King County before making any infrastructure improvements
- Be interested in working collaboratively with King County and other Horseneck Farm leaseholders to achieve the County's program and site objectives
- Attend and participate in a King-County led pre-season coordination meeting with all lessees at the farm
- Provide a short annual report (written or scheduled conversation) to King County Farmland Leasing Program staff sharing information about their farming season including crops grown and markets served, identified challenges, and plans and needs for the upcoming year.

How to Apply

PROPOSAL CONTENTS

The following information will help us understand what you are proposing to do on the farm.

Proposals may be in writing or verbal. If you would like to submit a verbal application, please contact Melissa Borsting at mborsting@kingcounty.gov or 206-263-0780. Translation and interpretation services can be provided, if needed.

Each proposal should address the following, in the order presented. Aim for a maximum of 6 pages total:

1. Introduction: provide an introductory section that includes:
 - the identification of the business entity, including the name, address, telephone number, Washington UBI (if you have obtained one), and details of the entity's business structure (i.e., corporation, partnership, LLC). If you are a sole proprietor, please identify your best business address and contact information
 - name, title, address, and telephone number of a contact person during the proposal evaluation period
2. Vision: a brief description of your long-term vision for your farming enterprise and at least 3 goals to be achieved by the end of your 5 years on Horseneck Farm
3. Operational Plan: Please include a narrative description of your plan for managing and operating a portion of Horseneck Farm. This narrative should at a minimum include information about:
 - your plans for operating at Horseneck Farm—when and how you will begin, what your priorities will be, production plans (type and quantity of products), will you have any employees or business partners.

- your planned agricultural practices, which may include composting, fertilization, irrigation, tilling, and crop rotation
 - equipment you have available and will be using.
 - infrastructure and farm improvements that you think are necessary to support your farm(s)
 - how you will know you are successful, using quantifiable measures such as pounds of produce grown, net income, number of different markets sold to, boxes of food delivered
 - any other details you feel will contribute to the County's understanding of your capacity to operate the farm
4. Marketing and Business Plan: Please include a short description or list of your plan for marketing crops produced on Horseneck Farm including:
- current farm product marketing experience
 - your target market outlets or customers
 - avenues through which you anticipate distributing and selling your produce.
 - plans for expansion and improvements over the 5-year lease term (i.e., what are your plans for year 1 and how do you see your business growing over the subsequent 4 years?)
5. Experience and Qualifications:
- Statement of Experience and Qualifications: Please provide a narrative description of your business entity's operating history and qualifications such as:
- how many years in business
 - any previous experience leasing farmland
 - where you have farmed in the past
 - how big of a farm have you operated, managed, or worked on
 - previous formal or informal training
 - your experience farming in collaboration with others
 - strengths as a farmer or businessperson
 - any experience you have had farming on a site where road access and infrastructure is shared.
7. The King County Land Conservation Initiative has identified areas of King County that meet certain income, health, and open space access criteria. Residents in those areas have traditionally lacked equitable access to County resources and services. Scoring consideration will be given to individuals who live within an identified Opportunity Area. More information can be found at <https://kingcounty.gov/services/environment/water-and-land/land-conservation/equity/Map.aspx> Please tell us the home address of the farm business owner(s) to determine if they are in one of the Opportunity Areas.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposals will be evaluated and scored by a panel of County staff and community members, based on the evaluation criteria shown in the table below. Proposals in response to this RFP will be incorporated into the lease agreement between King County and the successful applicant.

Evaluation Criteria (See <i>Proposal Contents</i> list above for details)	Maximum Points
Quality and Practicality of Vision	10
Quality/Practicality of Operational Plan	20
Quality/Practicality of Marketing and Business Plan	15
Experience and Qualifications	20
Individual Farm Business: home of at least one of business owners in one of the Opportunity Areas	5
Total	70

CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions regarding this advertisement may be submitted by email or phone to Melissa Borsting (mborsting@kingcounty.gov) or 206-263-0780.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Proposals in response to this advertisement will be accepted until 11:59pm on Sunday, November 20th, 2022. Responses submitted after this deadline will not be reviewed.

Responses should be submitted electronically to:

Melissa Borsting, Agricultural Land Use Coordinator, King County Agriculture, Forestry and Incentives Unit; mborsting@kingcounty.gov

If you are unable to submit an application electronically or need assistance with completing your application, please contact Melissa Borsting at mborsting@kingcounty.gov or 206-263-0780 and you will be provided with accommodations.



Preparing for Officer Elections

Policies and Procedures

Officer Nomination Slate for 2023

◆Chair: Open

◆Vice Chair: Darron Marzolf

◆Are there nominations from the floor?

Elections and Terms of Officers

- ◇ 5.3.1.1. Officers shall be elected from the entire Commission at its first regular meeting in **October**, or as necessary to fill unscheduled vacancies.
- ◇ 5.3.1.2. Officers of the Commission shall include a Chair and a Vice-Chair. The Recording Secretary shall be the Staff liaison.
- ◇ 5.3.1.3. Officers shall **assume office in January** and serve through the **calendar year**.

Nominations of Officers:

◇5.3.2.1. Current Chair shall seek nominations from all Commissioners at least one month prior to officer elections. Chair shall call for additional nominees from the floor prior to a motion for officer elections.

- A commissioner may nominate another commissioner or self-nominate oneself.
- Commissioners may also reach out to the staff liaison and/or executive committee with a nomination.
- The staff liaison will confirm all known nominations before Nov's vote.

Duties of Officers:

1. Chair:

- ⌚ Shall preside at all meetings of the Commission, and at other special meetings, as appropriate. The chair is an ex-officio member of all committees.
- ⌚ Shall vote to break a tie.
- ⌚ Shall create and dismiss standing committees, with approval of the Commission.
- ⌚ Shall take nominations from Commissioners for seats on various committees.
- ⌚ Shall be responsible for official Commission communications.

Vice Chair:

- ⌚ Shall act on behalf of the Chair when Chair is unable to perform official duties
- ⌚ Participate in agenda planning with Chair and staff liaison when necessary.

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Executive Committee

- ◆ Membership. The Executive Committee shall be composed of officers of the Commission.
- ◆ Officers of the commission shall include a Chair, a Vice Chair, and a Past Chair.
- ◆ Meetings. The Executive Committee shall meet as required to perform its duties.
- ◆ Reports. The Executive Committee shall report as needed to the Commission and give full information on its proceedings, if any.
- ◆ Responsibilities. The Executive Committee shall monitor work of the Commission with assistance of the Staff liaison. The Executive Committee shall be responsible to the Commission and reports to it.

Additional Duties of Executive Committee

- ◇ Maintain Commission focus on mission statements.
- ◇ Maintain Commission focus on goals and objectives.
- ◇ Communicate Commission priorities to the Staff liaison.
- ◇ Consider community input in setting priorities.
- ◇ Make recommendations consistent with existing policies, programs, laws and regulations.
- ◇ Review proposals falling outside regular committee guidelines.
- ◇ Prepare correspondence on advocacy issues with assistance from staff liaison.
- ◇ Run the commission meetings. If no executive committee member is present to run a meeting, the chair will appoint a commissioner to run the meeting.

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Patrice Barrentine
Project Program Manager
King County Agriculture Commission
King Street Center
201 S Jackson Street, Suite 600
Seattle, Washington 98104-3855

June 21, 2022

Dear Patrice Barrentine, and King County Agriculture Commission officials,

Subject: Farmland decline in Kent, Washington valley

Thank you for your service to the public and your consideration of the subject matter and solutions presented in this correspondence. I am calling on community leaders to increase efforts to protect farmland in the Kent, Washington valley. Rapid development of large-scale buildings continues throughout the Kent valley. From the Amazon Fulfillment Center to massive manufacturing plants, farmland is vastly depleting and has all but disappeared from the Kent valley. Many buildings sit unused and unoccupied, yet new construction is underway. Fertile, farmable land is a limited resource. It is critical to human survival to preserve this natural resource.

What measures are King County and the City of Kent taking to implement zoning policies that will save and protect vital farmland of the Kent valley? Despite multiple state and local farmland protection programs in existence today, the decline of farmland in our region is evident. The ultimate responsibility lies on those with decision making authority. There is a stark imbalance between industrialization and agriculture in the Kent valley. The Kent valley agriculture zone is minimal compared to industrial zone areas (Zoning Districts, pg. 3). The King County Farmland Preservation Program map (King County, pg. 4), reveals a meager fraction of land in Kent is preserved farmland. We cannot be content with this amount. We should always be seeking to gain new ground, just as developers never pass up an opportunity to build.

Damage has been done throughout the valley, extending from Puyallup to Tukwila. This has caused contamination, negative impacts to ecosystems, and depletion of food producing land. Family farmers have been driven out of the Kent valley, losing their land and livelihood. Smith Brothers Farms uprooted and relocated a substantial portion of their operations to Eastern Washington (Moo-ving on over). According to data analyzed in (American Farmland Trust, Farms Under Threat: The State of the States), over 50% of land lost in Washington state was considered the state's best quality farmland. Not all land is the same, the Kent valley is unique and optimal for agriculture.

We can collaborate with local farmers and citizens to implement solutions to stop excessive development of our diminishing farmland. We cannot continue to destroy the little land that remains. We need effective action and improved policy implementation on zoning and development permits. Farmland is inexpensive and cleared, attracting developers. However, developers can build in higher elevation locations, not suitable for farming. Money should not be the driver for decisions. Food security and nutrition should take precedence over any large-scale developer plans. Farmland must remain a preserved asset.

It is clear that corporations and developers with monetary interest carry the buying power with big development decisions (The Counter). Billionaires and foreign investors continue to buy up America's farmland, to use however they see fit (Farmfolio). With each building constructed, we lose land capable of feeding thousands. We cannot afford to lose more. As we have seen during the Covid-19 pandemic, our supply chain is fragile (Harvard Business Review). If we cannot sustain and support our own community, we are at the mercy and expense of outside entities. As we experienced during the height of the pandemic and the resulting supply chain shortages, we cannot depend on outside sources to support us in emergencies, or day to day operations. We need to be self-sufficient. We are losing our right to access local food sources and maintain freedom from corporate influence.

Nutrition is the core of health and longevity. If we lose the source from which we receive our food, we will suffer consequences of malnutrition, disease, and starvation. We need to invest in our farmland, the soil, and the grounds that give life. As Chief Seattle expressed, "Only when the last tree has died, and the last river has been poisoned, and the last fish has been caught, will we realize that we cannot eat money," (International Institute for Sustainable Development). Please help change this course, so we may carve a new path and prosper.

Sincerely,



Chenelle Tyack
mobile: (206) 832-9817/ email: renetyack@gmail.com

(11) Enclosures: Kent valley images

cc: Kent City Council, King County Council, City of Kent-Land Use and Planning Board,
King County Farmland Preservation Program, King Conservation District,
Carpinito Brothers Farm

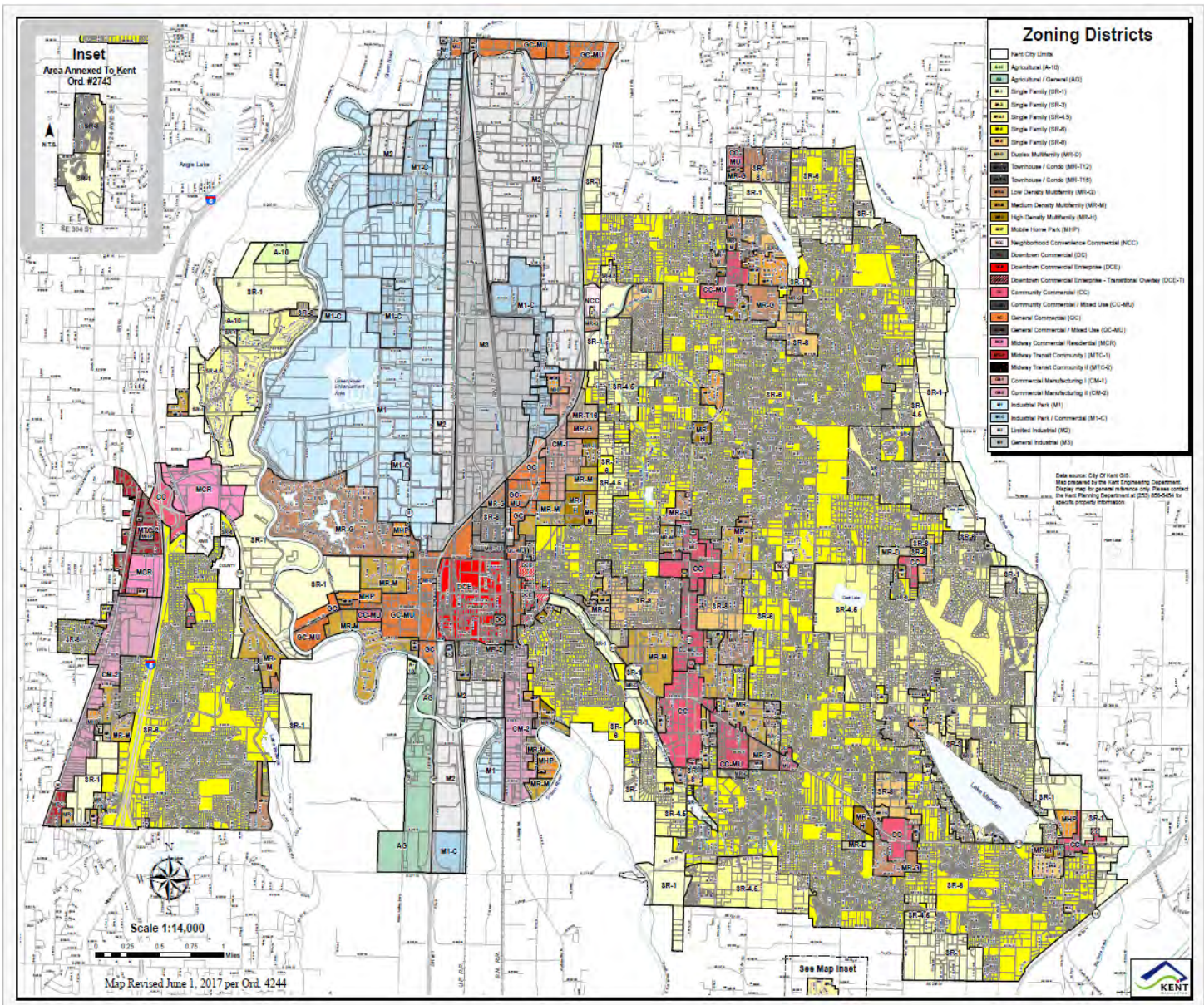
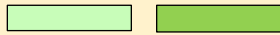
Kent, Washington Zoning Districts (2017)

KEY:

Blue=Industrial Zone

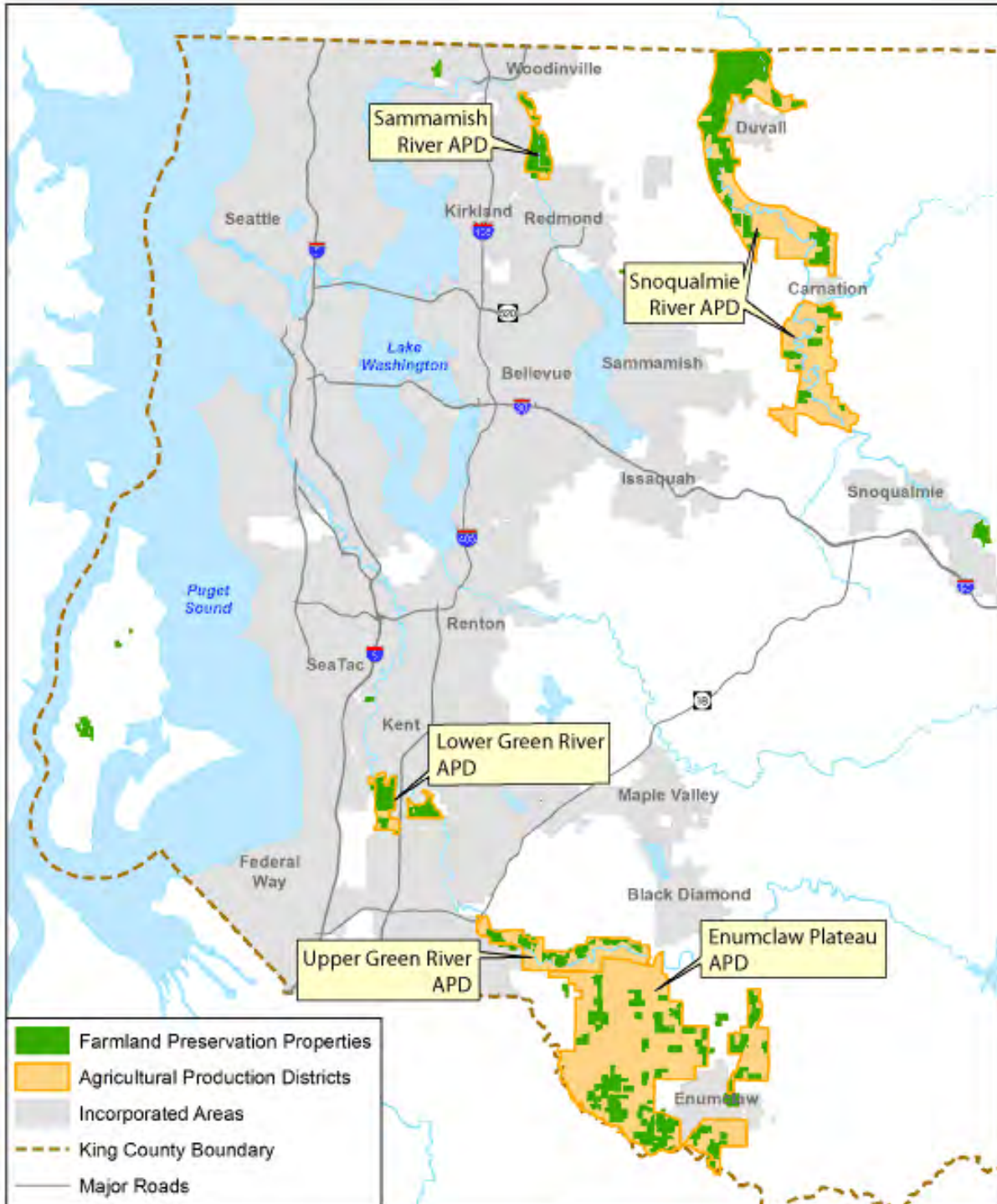


Green=Agricultural Zone



Farmland Preservation Program Map (2015)

King County, Washington



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From: [Barrentine, Patrice](#)
To: [Chenelle Tyack](#)
Bcc:
Subject: RE: Farmland Decline in Kent, Washington Valley
Date: Monday, September 26, 2022 5:10:00 PM
Attachments: [Lower Green APD map \(Kent\).pdf](#)
[Lower Green APD Close Up Zoning.pdf](#)

Hi Chenelle,

Thanks for reaching out again. The King County Ag Commission has not met since July, but I'll attempt to share some information with you prior to sharing with the Commission in their October 13th, 6-8pm meeting. You're welcome to join us for that meeting and read or add to your letter.

Thank you for your interest in this very important matter.

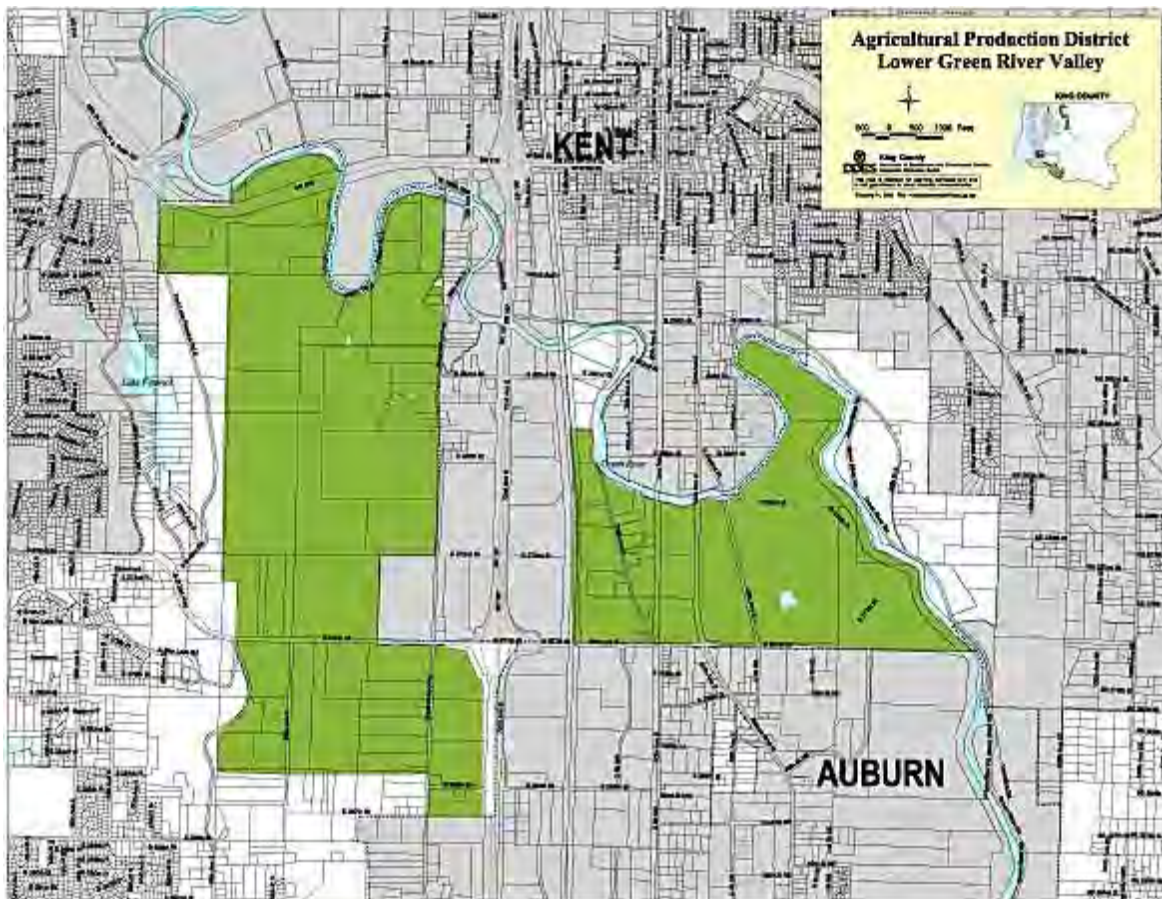
Preserving farmland has been integral to King County government and residents for decades. King County has delivered groundbreaking policy and programs that have become models throughout the country. King County has worked hard to protect and preserve farming by creating:

1. **Farmland Preservation Program (FPP):** In the early 1980's Ordinance 4341 (codified as Chapter 26.04 of the King County Code) outlined the objectives and parameters of (FPP) and instructed the Executive to put a bond initiative before the voters. The ordinance recognized the economic, aesthetic and unique benefits agriculture provides to the citizens of King County and stated land suitable for farming is an irreplaceable resource. The ordinance acknowledged current policies and regulations did not provide adequate protection and therefore, permanent acquisition of voluntarily offered interests in farm and open space lands would provide long-term protection of the public interests these lands served. King County voters ultimately passed a \$50 million Farmlands and Open Space Bond (79' Bond) Initiative that authorized the sale of bonds to finance the purchase of development rights on high quality farmlands ([LINK](#)). As of 2022, 16,127 acres of farmland are preserved through FPP easements.

2. **Zoning Designation of 5 Agriculture Production Districts (APDs):** In 1985, King County created APDs to protect the highest quality soils for farming and food production. These APDs continue to be the heart of King County's agriculture sector with 60% of all farming occurring within these zones. These zones are ground zero in the effort to protect farmland and are not allowed to have municipal sewage systems to limit development. They are also protected from many other uses allowed in other zones.
3. **King County Agriculture Commission:** In 1994, the King County Agriculture Commission was created to advise the County Executive and Council on agriculture policy including land use.
4. County agriculture program staffed to support farmers,
5. Farmland lease program
6. Agricultural drainage program (ADAP),
7. Farm pad program,
8. Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program,
9. Fish Farm Flood watershed planning process,
10. the **Executive's Local Food Initiative in 2014** followed by the **Land Conservation Initiative** to protect an additional 65,000 acres of natural resource lands, and
11. further protections and preservation of agriculture embedded in the County's Comprehensive Plan, and agricultural code delineating allowed agricultural activities and protecting the right to farm and the land on which to farm, and
12. this work is ongoing and continued commitment to these programs and the implementation of this plan is needed because outside organizations have moved out of the County because the County has done so much, so any reversal of this course, would be absolutely detrimental to agriculture.

In the areas of which you express concern, there are several jurisdictions in close proximity as well as several different zoning classifications based on specifics. What I can assure you is that there are no warehouses in any APD. But there are definitely warehouses in lands adjacent to APDs, especially in the Kent area. As population growth and development continues, we will certainly see more clearly defined zoning areas to the casual eye as farmland abuts other zoning uses.

The map on Page 3 of your letter is in the City of Kent's jurisdiction and not within King County's. The map on page 4 shows the priority of the King County FPP on protecting the APDs. Because the FPP map does not show much detail, I have attached a finer detail map in Kent showing the Lower Green APD (Kent) as a satellite image. As well as the image below. You can see on the attached map how close warehouses are to the APD boundary. In the second attached map, Lower Green APD Close Up, you can see the County unincorporated zoning for the areas adjacent to the APD that are labeled. As well as the City of Kent's jurisdiction without labels or shading. See Unincorporated King County zoning labels below map.



Unincorporated KC zoning

- A-10 - agricultural, one DU per 10 acres
- A-35 - agricultural, one DU per 35 acres
- F - forest
- M - mineral
- RA-2.5 - rural area, one DU per 5 acres
- RA-5 - rural area, one DU per 5 acres
- RA-10 - rural area, one DU per 10 acres
- UR - urban reserve, one DU per 5 acres
- R-1 - residential, one DU per acre
- R-4 - residential, 4 DU per acre
- R-6 - residential, 6 DU per acre
- R-8 - residential, 8 DU per acre
- R-12 - residential, 12 DU per acre
- R-18 - residential, 18 DU per acre
- R-24 - residential, 24 DU per acre
- R-48 - residential, 48 DU per acre
- NB - neighborhood business
- CB - community business

- RB - regional business
- O - office
- I - industrial

Farmland preservation is a critical issue for King County and Western Washington. While King County is a leader in farmland preservation, we are always looking at what more we can do to protect farmland and ensure farmers have access to the land and can be viable farming operations. As you know and mention in your letter, this is a difficult and complex task in light of population and development growth, market and supply chain fluctuation spotlighted by Covid, as well as land price escalation, aging farmers, and climate change.

Again, I invite you to attend our October Zoom meeting to voice your concerns and learn more about the commission. We are always looking for concerned advocates to support the commission and become commissioners. If you're interested, let me know and I will send you the link to the mtg when it is available.

Kind Regards,

 King County	<p>Patrice Barrentine Agriculture Policy & Economic Development Water and Land Resources Division King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks E: patrice.barrentine@kingcounty.gov T: 206-477-1556</p> <p>   </p>
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From: Chenelle Tyack <renetyack@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 7:51 AM
To: Barrentine, Patrice <Patrice.Barrentine@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: Re: Farmland Decline in Kent, Washington Valley

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Dear Patrice Barrentine,

Hello, this is Chenelle Tyack. I sent you correspondence on June 21, 2022, regarding Kent, WA farmland decline and protection policies. I am following up to inquire if you have any information you can provide in support of this farmland preservation effort.

Thank you,

Chenelle

On Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 10:42 AM Barrentine, Patrice <Patrice.Barrentine@kingcounty.gov> wrote:

Hi Chenelle,

Thank you for your letter. We are gathering information and will respond to you soon.

Best Regards,

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Dear Patrice Barrentine, and King County Agriculture Commission officials,

This is to notify you that on Tuesday, June 21st, I mailed via United States Postal Service, the attached letter and eleven images to your office, at the above listed address. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Chenelle Tyack















King County Agriculture Program

2023-24 Budget Discussion

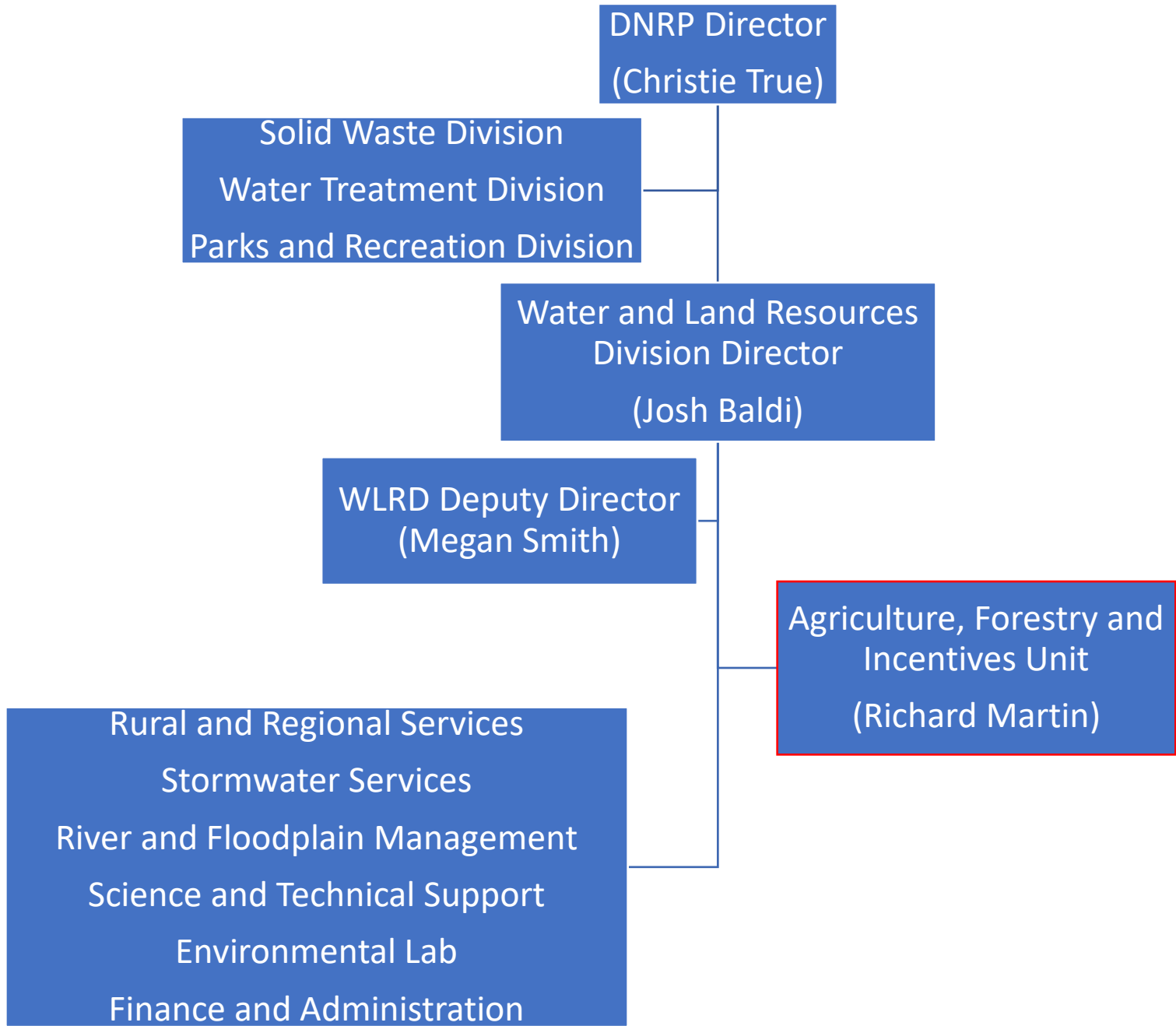
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Revenue Source	2021-2022	Percentage Total Revenue	2023-2024	Percentage Total Revenue
KC General Fund	\$620,498	24%	\$511,328	18%
SWM Fee	\$1,594,897	61%	\$1,922,954	68%
KCD	\$346,000	13%	\$346,000	12%
Leases	\$64,772	2%	\$64,772	2%
Total	\$2,626,167		\$2,845,054	

Expenses	2021-2022 Approved Budget	2023-2024 Proposed Budget
Wages and Benefits	\$1,856,334	\$1,836,077
Supplies	\$12,800	\$17,800
Services	\$26,600	0
Travel and Vehicles	\$22,279	\$18,134
Equipment Rental	\$4,490	\$4,490
Membership/Training	\$4,000	\$4,000
Facilities/Lease	\$57,323	\$28,802
IT	\$191,608	\$222,450
Other	\$18,400	\$19,400
Overhead	\$289,050	\$510,773
Contingency/Other	\$128,676	\$128,676
Prosecuting Attorney	\$14,607	\$54,452
Total	\$2,626,167	\$2,845,054

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March 2, 2022

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History

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NASS conducts the Census of Agriculture in:

- all 50 states
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Census of Agriculture

A complete count, taken every five years, of America's farms and ranches and the people who operate them.



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- The most complete agricultural data available.
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- Information on land use and ownership, producer characteristics and demographics, production practices, income and expenditures, and more.



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Any place from which at least **\$1,000** of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the census year.



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Your Voice

- By participating in the Census of Agriculture, you help show the nation the value and importance of U.S. agriculture.
- This is your opportunity to tell how American agriculture provides food, fuel, and fiber to the world.
- By responding to the census, you have the power to influence decisions that will shape American agriculture for years to come, including:
 - transportation and marketing locations
 - farm services, programs, and policies
 - production practices and new technologies



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Your Future

- By responding to the Census of Agriculture, you have a positive impact on the future of your operation and your community.
- The Census of Agriculture provides valuable information that will be used to plan the future, including:
 - community planning
 - farm succession planning
 - store/company locations
 - availability of operational loans and other funding
 - federal budget support for agriculture



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YOUR OPPORTUNITY



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Your Opportunity

- Your response to the Census of Agriculture makes a difference!
- To ensure that the best tools and reports are available, we need accurate information from ALL farmers and ranchers no matter how large or small your operation.
- Respond early and avoid follow-up contacts.
- *Your response is required and protected by federal law.*



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A man with a beard and a brown cap is smiling while holding a black plastic crate filled with ripe oranges. He is wearing a blue and yellow plaid shirt over a white t-shirt. The background is a lush green orchard with many oranges hanging from the trees. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

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Dates to Remember

November 2022: Census mails out

February 2023: Census response deadline

Spring/Summer 2024: Census data release



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Responding to the Census

- You are highly encouraged to complete the Census of Agriculture online at www.agcounts.usda.gov. The online questionnaire is secure, convenient and user-friendly. Save time by responding online as the form calculates totals automatically, offers quick drop-down menu options, and skips questions that do not pertain to your operation.
- Alternatively, you may also respond by mail.



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